der this Act, the Claims Tribunal may, if it thinks necessary so to do, treat the report *as* if it were an application for compensation under this Act."

(Clause 166 (4)

Privatisation of port construction

2605. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts, are being made to involve private sector in tha construction of ports infrastructure; and

(b) if so, what has been the reaction of private sector in this regard?

THE MINTSTER OF STATE OF' THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT); (a) and (b) A tender was floated by Calcutta Port Trust in Sept/Oct., 1987 to ascertain whether private parties are prepared to invest in the setting up of a container Terminal at Haldia. Two parties have indicated their interest in the matter.

Circular Railway Calcutta

3608. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be Pleased to state.-

(a) what is the present level of construction of the Circular Railway in Calcutta;

(b) by when the Project is going to be fully completed; and

(c). what is the parsmeter of the full project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Construction of the Project from Dum Dum Junction to Princep Ghat is in progress and. out of this, the section from Prmeeo Ghat to Ultadanga Road has been completed and is in commercial operatipn. Overall physical progress achieved till 30-6-1988 is 76 per cent.

(b) The Project is tentatively targetted to be completed by 1939, subject to early removal, by the State Government of West Bengal of the encroachments existing on the project alignment.

(c) The sanctioned project consists of 13.5 kms of single line from Princep Ghat to Dum Dum Junction.

Change in the timings of train running between Nagpur and Bombay

2607. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public delegations, comprising various organisations, high officials etc. of the Nagpur Region of Maharashtra, met the Minister of State for Railways for a change in the timings of the newly started fast train from Nagpur to Bombay and vice-versa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the timings of the train from both sides are not convenient to the public;

(c) whether Government are considering to bring about change in the timings of this train; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER lN THB MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD), (a) to (c) Yes, • Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Reconstitution of R.U.C.C. in . the Southern Railway

2608. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHA RAN- Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the zonal Railways Users' Consultative Committee of Southern Railway has not been reconstituted even though its term has expired on the 31st March, 1988; and